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KPD thanks public for positive response to curfew

The Kaua'i Police Department would like to thank the public for their overwhelmingly positive response to the implementation of the curfew on Friday, and for voluntarily abiding by the requirements of the curfew. There were no observed violations between 9 p.m. Friday and 5 a.m. Saturday.

"This tells us that you are serious about preserving the health of our community members and stopping the spread of COVID-19. We want to express our extreme gratitude to the community for abiding by this new curfew; we couldn't do this without the cooperation of the public," said Kaua'i Police of Chief Todd G. Raybuck. "As we have said before, this is an unprecedented time, and while it might not be apparent right now, these actions will benefit the community immensely and preserve the lives of many."

KPD also wants to remind the public that the first and foremost responsibility of police officers continues to be to respond to serious criminal activity.

"Calls for police service are increasing due to the stressful nature of this global pandemic," said Chief Raybuck. "While we are doing our best to respond to issues presented due to new measures, we must also continue to respond to emergencies. We kindly ask, given the current situation, that you please consider the nature of your concern and whether it's an immediate risk to public safety before requesting police services. Again, mahalo to everyone for their willingness to work together at this time."